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## **INDEPENDENCE MAN SENTENCED IN METH CONSPIRACY**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Independence, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for conspiracy to attempt to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine.

**Theodore W. Stillwell**, 40, of Independence, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this afternoon to seven years in federal prison without parole.

On Nov. 25, 2003, **Stillwell** pleaded guilty to his role in a conspiracy to attempt to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine between June 1, 1997, and Aug. 2, 2001. By pleading guilty, **Stillwell** admitted that he was responsible for methamphetamine laboratories that were discovered by law enforcement officers on July 2, 1998, and Sept. 23, 1998.

**Stillwell** was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on June 17, 2003, in Kansas City.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney W. Brent Powell. It was investigated by the Jackson County, Mo., Drug Task Force, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Independence, Mo., Police Department, the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Cass County, Mo., Sheriff's Department.

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